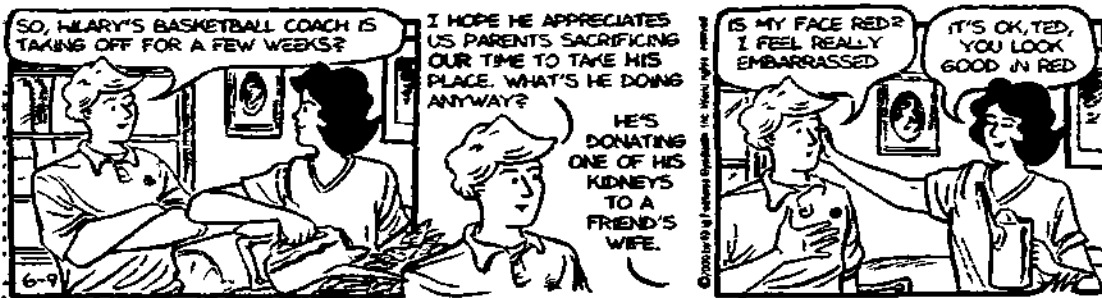


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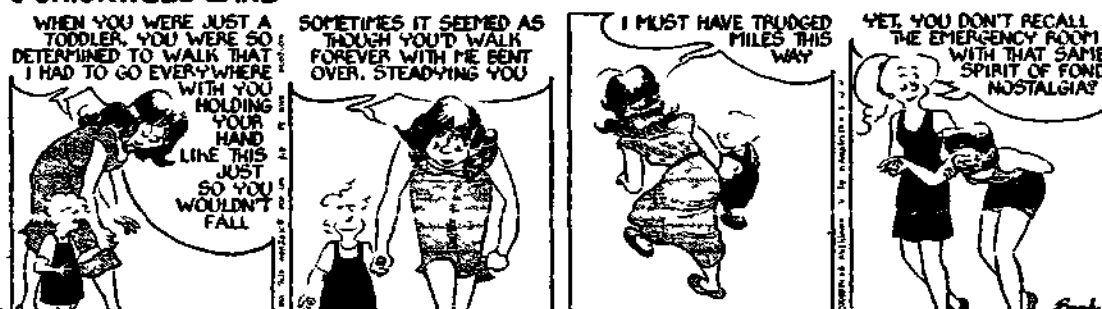
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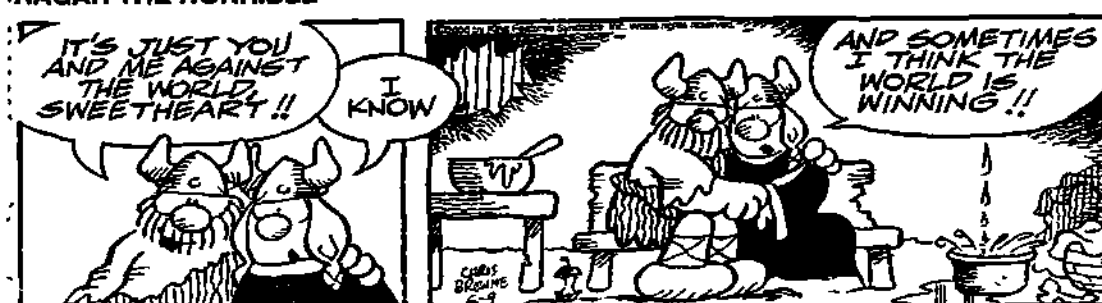
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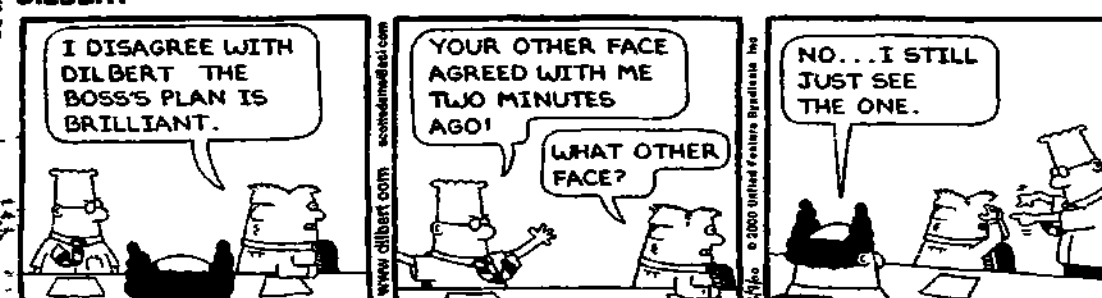
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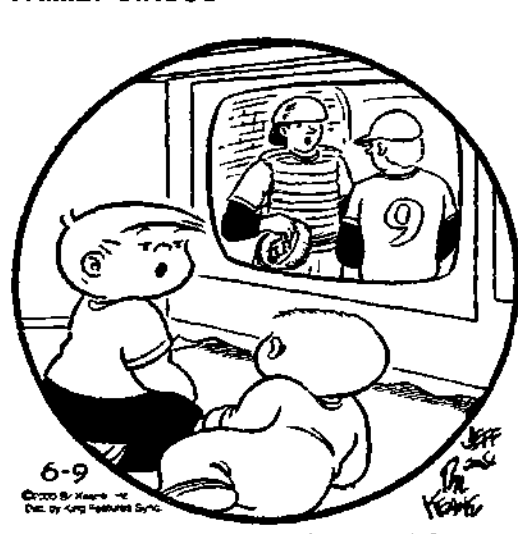
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DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's

Birthday
Guitarist **Les Paul** is 85. Movie writer-producer-director **George Axelrod** is 78. Actress **Mona Freeman** is 74. Broadcast journalist **Marvin Kalb** is 70. Comedian **Jackie Mason** is 66. Actor **Joe Santos** is 64. Author **Letty Cottin Pogrebin** is 61. Rock musician **Jon Lord (Whitesnake, Deep Purple)** is 59. Actor **Michael J. Fox** is 39. Actor **Johnny Depp** is 37. Jazz musician **Wayman Tisdale** is 36.

I NEED HELP



At the Maxwell Highway House.

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PAR SCORE 140-150 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points to each word using scoring diamonds at right. 7-letter words get 4-point bonus. Blank used as any letter have no point value. A 100,000 word list is in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 6-9-00

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

BIRTHSTONES

CKIFDBYWUSQOTTM
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Thursday's unlisted clue: ZOELLER
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue: I AM FOUND IN AN OYSTER
Amethyst Emerald Ruby Tourmaline
Aquamarine Garnet Sapphire Turquoise
Bloodstone Opal Sardonyx Zircon
Diamond Peridot Topaz

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, June 10
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Start the day right by doing something good for your body. Take a long walk.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You are extremely attractive to members of the opposite sex right now.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your day is filled with taking care of errands and other small details.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The plans you make today come through without a hitch.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You find yourself second-guessing every decision you make today.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Everything starts to pull together at the very last minute.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have way more on your plate than you could possibly finish. Do what you can.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A friend needs you, so don't turn your back. Doing a favor now means he or she will owe you one in the future.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your co-workers can't seem to leave you alone. You may have to shut your door in order to get anything accomplished.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) This is the perfect time to get in touch with long-lost friends and relatives.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) New business colleagues might have their own ideas of what they want from you. It's up to you to figure everything out.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Go ahead and jump in headfirst. The details don't matter as much as the big picture.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff
"You make the game if you win the first trick in dummy," observed a critical North. "I noticed," replied South. "However, what if it were West who had the diamond stack? With your spade entry gone, how would I have used your diamond suit?"
West led his spade 10 to South's ace, and South carelessly led a low diamond to dummy's jack. East took his ace and returned the spade jack to knock out dummy's king. With dummy's diamonds neutralized, South tried clubs. East took the first club and led a third spade. This established West's spades while West still had a club entry, and South could win only eight tricks.
North's analysis was correct, but his criticism was off-base. Winning dummy's spade king at trick one would have forced South to make the winning play. South would lead a low diamond to his queen, and when West discards South's aces his future lies with clubs. This gives him time to switch horses, and three club winners bring his total to nine tricks. South was right to win the first spade with his ace. He should have begun diamonds by leading his queen. If East takes his ace and returns a spade, South leads a low diamond from dummy, forcing East to win the trick and clinching nine winners. What if East ducks South's diamond queen? With no hope of running dummy's diamonds, South switches to clubs, giving him time to collect nine winners.

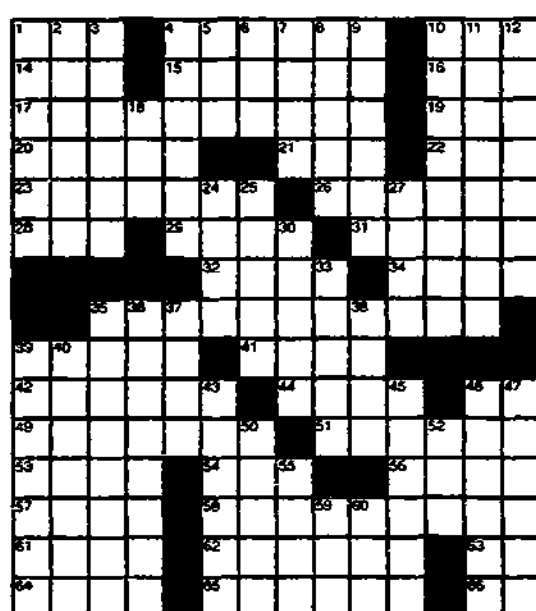
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 042

- ACROSS
1 5 and 10 Abbr
4 Revert
10 Disrespect, in a way
14 Letter abbr
15 Under the influence?
16 In support of
17 Start of a 1927 question by movie mogul H. M. Warner
19 Department
20 "The Castle" novelist
21 Hearst's captors Abbr
22 Pole, e.g.
23 Effective
26 Past
28 Canine checker Abbr
29 Leaf unit
31 It may be done off the board
32 Shout to waiters
34 Programs, briefly
35 Middle of the question
39 Strike down
41 Baum barker
42 Shake alternative
44 Less than decent
46 Key abbr
49 Extra
51 Counter, maybe
53 Pieced together
54 Parent sharer
56 Uncultivated person
57 Hopped to it
58 End of the question
61 European language
62 Get ready
63 Previously
64 Check info
65 Goofs on a 29-Across
66 Demise
DOWN
1 Block arrival?
2 Available
3 Jeers
4 Note in the A major scale
5 See red?
6 Cross word
7 Pair for a captain?
8 It goes between the knees
9 "Constant Craving" singer
10 Hated symbol
11 Northwest asset
12 Like some crabs
13 Shadow eliminators?
18 Match end, perhaps
24 Pessimist's word
25 Discharge
27 Moderate

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

PUP FLAK EPOCHS
ENE ROSA SOWHAT
ADROITLY SIERRA
SOUP SOAP SOAR
THANKER MST
MENA GETACHROST
ARI BOAR BOAS
YAMMERS DISPOSE
BIAS BINS MIA
BULLSEYES EVENT
IVE REQUITE
DUNS HUNS NUTS
BLEEPS EINSTEIN
EASELS STOW LEA
DESPOT TETE ERG



- 30 Praise
33 Belthop often
35 Wayne's world?
36 First person present, e.g.
37 Desideratum
38 26-season NHL player
39 Lit
40 Port alternative
43 It may be recommended
45 Place for a masseuse
46 Fuel gas
47 Like booty
48 Flamed, slangily
50 Less likely to offend
52 One that litters
55 Kind of witness
59 Pray, to Public
60 Sticking point

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